

REMARKS

The Examiner's careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated. Applicants' representative respectfully thanks Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter.

The present invention relates to a portable heating pack comprising a portable heating pack comprising a supercorroding metallic alloy powder disposed within the portable heating pack, the supercorroding metallic alloy powder producing heat and gaseous hydrogen upon contacting a corroding liquid, a hydrogen storage material for absorbing and storing the gaseous hydrogen and/or an oxide material for consuming the gaseous hydrogen via a reduction reaction in gaseous communication with the supercorroding metallic alloy powder, and means for contacting the supercorroding metallic alloy powder with a corroding liquid.

Applicants have carefully reviewed the above-identified Office Action. Applicants contend that, in view of the clarifying remarks set forth herein, all bases of objection and rejection have been overcome. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the pending rejections and allowance of the claims submitted.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

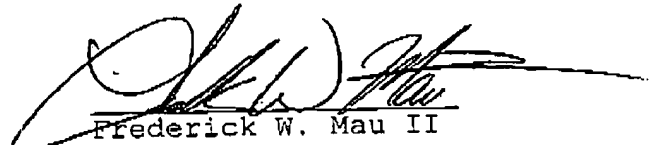
For the reasons which follow hereinafter, the rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Watson has

been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

Subject matter from claims 4 and 11 as being deemed allowable by Examiner has been incorporated into Independent Claim 1. As such, Independent Claim 1 is now allowable over Watson. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present amendment places the application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issuance.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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